

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/639,660, which was filed on August 16, 2000, and is now abandoned and which was a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/480,141, which is now abandoned and was a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/319,026, which is now abandoned and was the national phase of International Application No. PCT/EP97/06490, which was filed on November 20, 1997, and which claimed priority of Germany Application No. 196 49 661.6, which was filed on November 29, 1996, all of which are incorporated by reference.